

Para 1: background information (title, type of film, name of director, names of actors and the characters they portray)

Para 2: main points of the plot

Para 3: general comments

Para 4: recommendation

Writer's recommendation: "I thoroughly recommend this film. Don't miss it."

**(Suggested answer)**

I would definitely recommend *Armagedon*. It is well worth seeing.

- 10 a) (Read the rubric and the questions aloud. Explain/Elicit the meaning of any unknown vocabulary. Help Ss to identify the key words, then Ss decide on a certain film to be discussed. Then they ask the question. Individual Ss answer the questions. Check Ss' answers.)

**Key words:** your teacher – write – film review – school magazine – write review – main points of the plot – general comments – acting – directing – plot – recommendation

- 1 My teacher. Present tenses.
- 2 passive voice; variety of adjectives; complex sentences

**3 (Suggested answers)**

a) An animated comedy, b) Rob Minkoff, c) Hugh Laurie, Geena Davis, Jonathan Lipnicki and the voice of Michael J. Fox, d) Hugh Laurie and Geena Davis → Mr and Mrs Little, Jonathan Lipnicki → their son George, Michael J. Fox → the voice of Stuart Little, e) the film is about a couple who adopt a mouse to keep their son company

- 4 • family goes to orphanage to adopt a little boy but adopt a mouse instead
- the son isn't happy because he would have preferred a real brother
- The family cat tries to get rid of Stuart Little. The acting is excellent. The computer animation is convincing. Don't miss it!

- b) (Help Ss to compose their review orally using their answers from ex 10a. When satisfied that Ss can deal with the task successfully, assign it as written HW.)

**(Suggested answer)**

**Stuart Little**

Stuart Little, an animated film directed by Rob Minkoff, takes place in New York City. The main characters are Mr and Mrs Little, played by Hugh Laurie and Geena Davis, their son George, played by Jonathan Lipnicki and, of course, the adorable mouse Stuart, whose voice is provided by Michael J. Fox.

The story begins when Mr and Mrs Little go to an orphanage to adopt a little brother for their son George. At the orphanage they meet Stuart, a tiny mouse, and are so charmed by him that they decide to adopt him. George, however, isn't pleased as he would have preferred a real brother. The family cat, Snowbell, along with other cats in the neighbourhood, have plans to get rid of Stuart forever!

The cast is excellent and Michael J. Fox is perfect as the voice of Stuart Little. With the use of computer animation, Stuart looks more like a real mouse than a cartoon mouse, convincing viewers that Stuart is a miniature actor. The combination of computer animation and live action is superb.

Stuart Little is a wonderful film for the whole family. The cute little mouse will have all members of the family laughing in their seats. Don't miss it!

**Unit 13 - "For and Against" Essays (pp. 82 - 87)**

- 1 a) (Explain what is meant by **pros** and **cons**, then elicit suitable points from Ss around the class.)

**(Suggested answers)**

**Pros**

The service can be very fast.  
There can be lots of dishes to choose from.  
The prices can be fairly reasonable.  
Its relaxing atmosphere can make you enjoy your meal.

**Cons**

The service can be very slow.  
There may not be much variety of dishes.  
The restaurant can be very expensive.  
The music can be so loud that it can drive you crazy.



- b) (Read the list of points aloud and ensure that Ss understand each point. Ss listen to the cassette and tick the comments mentioned. Check answers around the class and elicit whether each point is an advantage or a disadvantage.)

**(Points to be ticked)**

- A fun to eat out (advantage)
- B not as tiring as cooking (advantage)
- D expensive (disadvantage)
- E unhealthy (disadvantage)

- 2 (Present the theory and the paragraph plan. Check that Ss understand the rubric and the questions, then help Ss identify the key words.)

**Key words:** your teacher — essay — arguments for and against travelling by boat

- 1 A "for and against" essay
- 2 No, because discursive essays are written in a formal style.
- 3 **(Points to be ticked)**
  - 1 — pro
  - 2 — con
  - 4 — con
  - 5 — pro

(Ss' own answers)

- 3 a) (Allow Ss two or three mins. to skim the text and label the paragraphs. Check Ss' answers, then ask individual Ss to suggest alternative topic sentences.)

Para 1: present topic  
 Para 2: arguments for  
 Para 3: arguments against  
 Para 4: opinion

- The writer believes that travelling by boat is a very enjoyable experience.

**(Suggested answer)**

- There are many points in favour of travelling by boat.  
 On the other hand, travelling by boat has certain drawbacks.

- b) (Allow Ss three or four mins. to read the text again. Elicit suitable points to help Ss complete the table. Present the list of linking words, then ask individual Ss to use these and the table of points to talk about the topic.)

Para 2	<b>FOR</b> <b>Arguments</b> 2) cheaper than other forms of travel 3) safe alternative to cars and planes
	<b>Justifications/Examples</b> a boat ticket usually costs less than a plane ticket fewer accidents at sea than in the air or on the roads
Para 3	<b>AGAINST</b> <b>Arguments</b> 1) usually takes much longer than other forms of travel 2) can be very unpleasant when the weather is bad or the sea is rough
	<b>Justifications/Examples</b> can be tiring uncomfortable or even frightening

(Ss' own answers)

- 4 (Allow Ss three or four mins. to complete the task. Check Ss' answers, then explain/ elicit the meaning of any vocabulary in the text which Ss still do not understand.)

**words to be replaced:**

<b>To begin with</b>	→ In the first place
<b>Furthermore</b>	→ Secondly
<b>For example</b>	→ For instance
<b>Finally</b>	→ Thirdly
<b>However</b>	→ On the other hand
<b>As a result</b>	→ For this reason
<b>In addition</b>	→ Moreover
<b>All things considered</b>	→ To sum up

- a) To begin with, Furthermore, Finally, In addition
- b) For example, As a result
- c) However
- d) All things considered

- 5 (Explain/Elicit the meaning of any unknown vocabulary, then allow Ss two or three mins. to complete the task. Check Ss' answers.)

- 1 Besides
- 2 argue that
- 3 in favour of
- 4 Even though
- 5 For instance

- 6 (Explain/Elicit the meaning of any unknown vocabulary, then allow Ss two or three mins. to read the paragraph and complete the task. Check Ss' answers.)



- 1 To begin with
- 2 Secondly
- 3 therefore
- 4 Finally

**7 a)** (Present the theory and explain the task. Allow Ss three or four mins. to read the extract and complete the task in pairs. Check Ss' answers, explain/elicite the meanings of any unknown words and ask individual Ss to read the extract aloud.)

2 However, there are many arguments against using the Internet.

**b)** Arguments against using the Internet

- spend hours and hours sitting in front of a computer screen
- can be very expensive
- requires a lot of patience

**8 a)** (Explain/Elicite the meaning of any unknown words in the table, then allow Ss three or four mins. to match the items and identify whether each point is "for" or "against". Check Ss' answers. Ask individual Ss to form appropriate sentences orally; then Ss repeat the task as a written exercise.)

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| 1 d – for | 3 a – against |
| 2 b – for | 4 c – against |

**b)** To begin with, modelling can be an exciting career. For example, models usually travel to interesting places and often meet famous people. What is more, modelling gives you the opportunity to earn a lot of money as designers and fashion magazines are willing to pay high fees for popular models.

First of all, models must constantly watch what they eat since they are expected to stay thin so that they look good all the time. Moreover, models have no privacy because reporters are always chasing them.

**9** (Present the theory, then explain/elicite the meaning of any unknown vocabulary in the extracts. Allow Ss three or four mins. to complete the task. Check Ss' answers.)

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| A → beginning | → addresses the reader directly/<br>asks a rhetorical question |
| B → ending    | → uses a quotation   |
| C → beginning | → asks a rhetorical question                                   |
| D → ending    | → addresses the reader directly/<br>uses a quotation           |

**10 a)** (Read the topic sentences aloud and help Ss to suggest suitable supporting sentences. Check Ss' answers, then Ss in pairs expand those into a full paragraph. Individual Ss read their answers aloud.)

**(Suggested answers)**

- 1 • very demanding, as doctors often have to work long hours
- stressful, because doctors have to deal with emergencies every day
- 2 • learn from educational programmes, such as documentaries
- a cheap form of entertainment
- 3 • no privacy, because they are followed everywhere by reporters and fans
- lonely, because they do not know who their real friends are

1 ....To start with, doctors have to study all their lives in order to keep up with the latest medical developments. Secondly, the job is very demanding as doctors often have to work long hours. Furthermore, it is stressful because doctors have to deal with emergencies every day.

2 ...In the first place it helps us keep up to date with current news. In addition, we learn from educational programmes such as documentaries. Moreover, it is a cheap form of entertainment.

3 ...Firstly, they are never home because they travel all over the world giving concerts. Also, they have no privacy, because they are followed everywhere by reporters and fans. Lastly, they feel lonely because they do not know who their real friends are.

**b)** (Read the quotations aloud and explain/elicite the meaning of any unknown words. Elicite which quotation matches each topic. Ask individual Ss to suggest appropriate endings using the quotations; Ss may then repeat the task as a written exercise.)

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| a 3 | b 1 | c 2 |
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**(Suggested answers)**

a) All in all, I believe that there are more disadvantages than advantages to being a famous rock star. After all, as Keith Richards once said, "Everybody wants to be famous until they are."



- b) All things considered, being a doctor has both advantages and disadvantages. Perhaps that is what British surgeon A. Dickson Wright meant when he said, "We are humble men in our profession. We do our best."
- c) In conclusion, although there are many points against watching television, I believe there are certainly arguments in its favour. After all, as British playwright, Dennis Potter, once said, "Television! The entertainment which flows like tap water."

**11** (Complete the task orally with the class, then assign it as written HW.)

**(Suggested answers)**

- 1 Firstly, there are a number of exotic holiday destinations where the climate is hot all year round. Secondly, holiday-makers can take advantage of cheap flights and accommodation during the winter, since fewer people travel at this time of year.
- 2 For one thing, it is extremely dangerous. For example, firefighters risk their lives every time they enter a burning building.
- 3 To start with, it can be very expensive. Dog food and visits to the vet can cost a lot of money. Furthermore, looking after a dog can be tiring. For instance, you have to take it for regular walks and give it a lot of attention.

**12 a)** (Ss discuss the questions in pairs. Monitor Ss' performance, prompting where necessary, then ask Ss to present their ideas to the class.)

- (Ss' own answers)

**(Suggested answers)**

• **Advantages**

cheap  
travel fast  
environmentally-friendly  
can park easily

**Disadvantages**

dangerous - often have accidents  
drivers do not take care of cyclists  
tiring

- Cycling in the country is more relaxing because there is no heavy traffic or crowded streets. You can enjoy the scenery without breathing in car fumes.

- I think more people should cycle to work because cycling is a good way keep fit. Also, they would not feel so stressed trying to find a parking place to park their car.

**b)** (Read the rubric and the questions aloud. Explain/Elicit the meaning of any unknown words and help Ss to identify the key words in the rubric, then elicit suitable answers to the questions.)

**Key words:** health and fitness magazine — advantages and disadvantages — cycling as a form of transport — article

- 1 A "for and against" essay.
- 2 A—your opinion.
- 3 In the main body (para 2 and para 3).
- 4 In the conclusion.

**c)** (Allow Ss two or three mins. to complete the task. Check Ss' answers.)

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| 2 ✓ D | 7 ✓ A |
| 4 ✓ A | 8 ✓ D |
| 5 ✓ D |       |

**d)** (Allow Ss two or three mins. to match the items. Check Ss' answers, then help Ss to form appropriate sentences orally.)

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| A — 4 | C — 1 | E — 8 |
| B — 7 | D — 5 | F — 2 |

**(Suggested answers)**

- 1 Cycling is an inexpensive form of transport **since** you do not have to spend money on things such as petrol or costly repairs.
- 2 Fumes from cars and lorries can damage your health. **For example**, in some cities the fumes are so bad that cyclists have to wear masks to protect them from pollution.
- 3 Cycling helps you to stay fit **because** it is a good form of exercise, particularly for the legs, heart and lungs.
- 4 Cycling on busy roads is not very safe, **as** drivers do not always give way to cyclists.
- 5 Cycling is an environmentally-friendly way to travel **because** it does not create air pollution.
- 6 Bicycles are unsuitable for long journeys **since** there is a limit to the distance a cyclist can reasonably travel in one day.



- 13** (Help Ss to complete the task orally. When satisfied that Ss can deal with the task successfully, assign it as written HW.)

**(Suggested answer)**

Most people own or have owned a bicycle. Yet how practical and beneficial is cycling when compared to other means of transport?

There are many advantages to cycling. To start with, cycling is an inexpensive form of transport, since you do not have to spend money on things such as petrol or costly repairs. What is more, cycling helps you to stay fit, because it is a good form of exercise, particularly for the legs, heart and lungs. Finally, cycling is an environmentally-friendly way to travel since it does not create air pollution.

On the other hand, cycling also has certain disadvantages. For one thing, the fumes from cars and lorries are bad for your health. For example, in some cities the fumes are so bad that cyclists have to wear masks to protect them from the pollution. Secondly, cycling on busy roads is not very safe as drivers do not always give way to cyclists. Finally, bicycles are unsuitable for long journeys since there is a limit to the distance a cyclist can reasonably travel in one day.

All things considered, while there are some disadvantages to cycling, as a form of transport it is both enjoyable and good for you. Why don't you give it a try?

## Unit 14a - Opinion Essays (pp. 78-83)

- 1** (Read the viewpoints and reasons aloud and explain/ elicit the meaning of any unknown vocabulary. Ss listen and complete the task. Check Ss' answers. Ask Ss around the class to say which points they agree/disagree with.)

A 2      B 3      C 1

(Ss' own answers)

- 2** (Present the theory and the paragraph plan, then read the rubric and the questions aloud. Explain/ Elicit the meaning of any unknown vocabulary and help Ss to underline the key words. Ss complete the task. Check Ss' answers.)

**Key words:** English and Maths are more important subjects than Art and Music — teacher — essay — giving your opinion — reasons to support your view(s)

- 1 My teacher.
- 2 No, I shouldn't, because opinion essays should be written in formal style.
- 3 B
- 4 B, C, D
- 5 (Ss' own answers)
- 6 **English and Maths**
  - tools to deal with everyday matters
  - help you communicate clearly
  - necessary in order to find a job
- 7 (Ss' own answers)

### Art and Music

- provide well-rounded education

- 3 a)** (Check that Ss understand the headings, then allow Ss two or three mins. to skim the article and label the paragraphs. Check Ss' answers.)

Para 1: subject & opinion  
 Para 2: first viewpoint & examples  
 Para 3: second viewpoint & examples  
 Para 4: opposing viewpoint(s)  
 Para 5: restate opinion

- b)** (Allow Ss four or five mins. to read the essay again and prepare their answers. Discuss these answers with the class, then explain/ elicit the meaning of any words which Ss still do not understand. Finally, ask individual Ss to read aloud from the text.)

### First Viewpoint

In the first place, when you know how to read, write and do simple calculations, you have the tools required in order to deal with everyday matters.

### Reasons/Examples

- For example, being able to read and write can help you communicate and express yourself clearly.
- Moreover, you need basic maths for such daily chores as doing your shopping, paying your bills and managing your money.

### Second Viewpoint

Furthermore, it is essential to have a good knowledge of English and Maths in order to find even the simplest job.